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SUBJECT: ERITREA - VICTORY DAY 1975

1. "REAL" VICTORY DAY, COMMEMORATING 1941 LIBERATION OF ETHIOPIA CELEBRATED THIS YEAR ON APRIL 6 RATHER THAN ON MAY 5 AS HERETOFORE. CHANGE INTENDED EMPHASIZE ENTRY OF VICTORIOUS TROOPS INTO ADDIS RATHER THAN RETURN OF HAILE SELLASIE TO HIS CAPITAL. OCCASION MARKED BY CHURCH SERVICES AND LARGE PARTIALLY ENFORCED GATHERING AT FORMER IMPERIAL PALACE TO HEAR ROUTINE "ETHIOPIA TIKIDEM" ADDRESS BY MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR BB GETACHEW NADEW.

2. BULK OF ERITREAN ATTENDEES, WHICH REACHED SOME THOUSANDS, GROUPED UNDER SIGNS DENOTING EMPLOYERS. WE UNDERSTAND ATTENDANCE WAS DIRECTED AS WAS PRESENCE CERTAIN PROMINENT ITALIAN BUSINESS PEOPLE. ENTIRE CONSULAR CORPS IN ATTENDANCE.

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3. SECURITY WAS VERY HEAVY; NO SOCIALIZING FOLLOWING CEREMONY. AIR FORCE JETS FLEW OVERDURING SPEECHMAKING. POPULAR ATTITUDE,

WHILE NOT ENTIRELY JOYLESS, WAS CAREFULLY WATCHED.  
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